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At its late session the Legislature passed an act creating a Board of Agriculture to consist of ten members—with the Commissioner of Agriculture ex officio a member. The purposes of the Board are good and it should receive the hearty support and encouragement of all farmers. Its general purpose is the collection of farming statistics, diffusion of knowledge as to the best methods of culture of farm and "truck" products, &c. Among the methods sought by the bill is "talks" by men who have practically and scientifically examined into agricultural matters to stated meetings of farmers. To reach this latter end an appropriation of \$2,000 a year was made. This is but a drop in the bucket—giving to each county the insignificant sum of but \$20. It is to be hoped that the next Legislature will find they can profitably increase largely that amount—and not only do that but place the agricultural interests upon a better and higher basis. It may be urged the head of the Agricultural Bureau is already on a high basis—inasmuch as his office is airy and conveniently located in a dingy, "three-story castle." Yet one shall insist persistently on the better. Agriculture is the foundation of all wealth—and its better development means a richer people. The Board to be at all effective must have the full and undivided support of the people. They give their labor and time "without fee or reward" save what they win in the pride of better days in all farming interests. They receive their mere expenses—no salary. Among the appointees is Capt. Orris A. Browne of this county. A wiser selection could not well have been made. He requests us to say to the people that he will be very glad to receive any information or answer any questions relating to the subject. He attended on Tuesday the meeting for organization of the Board in the city of Richmond.

The signs of the times indicate beyond a reasonable doubt, that the race between Cleveland and Blaine for the Presidency is to be repeated again this fall. The nomination of Mr. Cleveland as the Democratic standard bearer has long been accepted as a foregone conclusion, concurred in and approved by every good Democrat and many sensible Republicans. Nor is it less uncertain that the Maine statesman is to be pitted against him. His friends are working hard to secure his nomination and at every Republican gathering throughout the land the name of Blaine is received with an enthusiasm, which the name of no one else excites, proving conclusively that the great bulk of the people of his party is with him. He not only has this fast hold up on the rank and file of his party but many of the leaders of note are declaring for him and prominent among them Mr. Depew of New York, the only man it is said, whose candidacy could have diverted the vote of that State from him. With Mr. Depew out of the race as a presidential candidate, the friends of the Planned Knight say that he will secure a solid delegation from New York and to an outsider it looks that way. Backed by New York and supported by the great bulk of the Republicans throughout the country the nomination of Blaine is inevitable. He will of course accept the empty honor if tendered him.

Hon. Roscoe Conkling who died in New York last Wednesday, for many years figured prominently in the affairs of our country and always by his great ability and honesty of purpose commanded the respect of the entire American people. Identified with the Republican party during the most corrupt period of its history, there was never a breath of suspicion that he was ever concerned in the schemes which besmirched the reputations of so many prominent men of his party. A strong partisan, he despised hypocrisy and everyone give him credit for acting from his standpoint according to his convictions of right. Even his advocacy of Gen. Grant for a third term of office and his failure to openly oppose the frauds practiced in the Hayes-Tilden contest, to which he refused to become a party, are now overlooked, if not forgotten. He is universally regretted through

THE ANTI-SLAUGHERISTS.

An Appeal to Republicans to Emancipate the Party.

A number of leading Republicans, coinciding with Hon. John S. Wise in his opinion that there was too much one man power in the government of the Republican party of Virginia, held a conference at the Exchange Hotel, Richmond, last Saturday. After a long session, which continued after midnight, the following address was agreed upon:

To the Republican Voters of Virginia:

The time has come in the affairs of the Republican party in the State of Virginia which calls for the exercise of all the wisdom, all the courage, all the prudence, and all the forbearance and mutual consideration that can be found in its membership. It is well known that for years a division of opinion has existed as to whether the present plan of organization is the best and indeed, whether it is either in accord with the wishes of the majority of our party or consistent with Republican principles. During that period several ineffectual efforts have been made to effect a change in certain features of the present plan of organization which were felt to be arbitrary in their workings, and which had, as it was contended, neutralized the vitality and sapped the energy of many who have been foremost in defense of the leading principles and active policies of the party. It were idle to indulge in retrospect, and such a review can only tend to re-creation; but we cannot refrain from saying, in this connection, that while man after man who won our early success has retired, we have gained but one victory since 1882, and that was when the people took charge of affairs in their own Congressional districts, and having nominated their candidates went to the polls and elected them with almost absolute unanimity in the face of the managerial policy of our party, as now organized. It is absurd to say that the victory in the Congressional campaign of 1886 was due in any way to our party management. The facts are too fresh in the memory of our voters.

A CHANGE ESSENTIAL.

We may be wrong in our judgment as to what is best for our party, but it is our opinion that a change in the present plan of organization whereby more liberty shall be accorded to the people is essential to its future success. Popular liberty, which is the basis of Republicanism, can never be preserved by the establishment of autocracy; and history is with an example of any individual entrusted with absolute power whose patriotism has proved strong or high enough to resist the temptation to abuse it.

WHAT AUTOCRATIC RULE MEANS.

When a people seeking to justify means by an end once surrender their rights and privileges to the keeping of any individual, the conclusion is foregone. All reason disappears, all history vanishes. The depository of such power invariably comes to believe the delegated powers to be his own, and finally to dispute all objection and criticism as disloyalty and treachery. Unlimited discretion cannot be safely given to any man. It would destroy the political equilibrium of the best poised patriot. We earnestly suggest to all Republicans who sincerely desire the supremacy of their party to join with us in asking for an alteration of methods in the party organization, so that the people themselves shall have a controlling voice in the selection of their representatives and nominees, and the right to the untrammelled choice of all committeemen and officers of the party organization.

And in pursuance of this view, we join in solemn protest against that commercial system of politics which would be illustrated and enforced by the adoption of the "unit rule."

We appeal to the men of Virginia who are Republicans through conviction and by principle to join us in electing delegates to the State convention, to be held in Petersburg May 17, 1888, who will vote to emancipate the rank and file of the party from the injustice and dangers of the present plan of party organization.

A Big Virginia Corporation.

A charter has been granted by the circuit Court of Alexandria county, and was Saturday received at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to be recorded, which grants to the parties heretofore named the right to "main factory telephones, telephone supplies, operate telephone lines and exchanges throughout the countries of North and South America; also, to construct and operate electric light plants throughout said countries, and operate telegraph lines and furnish the electric current for all purposes for which it is useful; also, to purchase and manufacture paper of all kinds and paper pulp from wood, straw, palm leaf, and other fibrous articles," &c.

The capital stock of the company is to be not less than \$7,000,000 nor more than \$20,000,000, and the name of the company is "The American Telephone Company (Consolidated)."

The principal office will be in Alexandria, Va., the executive offices in Washington, D. C., and Caracas, Venezuela.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. Sidney Smith Lee, a brother of Governor Fitzhugh Lee, died suddenly in Alexandria, Saturday.

Dr. Cornelius R. Agnew, for many years noted as one of the leading physicians in New York, died Wednesday afternoon, after suffering for several days from peritonitis. His last professional duty was as consulting physician in Mr. Conkling's case.

The latest returns from the Louisiana election indicate that the majority of Nicholls, Democratic nominee for Governor, is probably over 50,000. In New Orleans the young men's Democratic tieke has been generally successful.

Dr. Richard A. Wise of Williamsburg, a brother of Hon. John S. Wise, thinks Mahone ought to be and will be re-elected Chairman of the State convention at Petersburg. He says that his brother and Gen. Mahone will understand each other "though busy-bodies are now trying to alienate them."

Matthew Arnold, the noted poet, scholar, critic and theologian, died suddenly last Monday, at Liverpool, England, of heart disease. He occupied, perhaps the foremost place among the scholarly men of his day and no one was held in higher esteem for the purity of his life. A recent article from his pen on the civilization of the United States attracted marked attention.

The State Executive Committee of the Prohibition party of Virginia, through its secretary, Maj. J. W. Newton of Staunton, has issued its call for a State convention to be held at Roanoke, Thursday, May 31, to elect delegates to the National Convention of that party which meets Wednesday, May 30, at Indianapolis, and also to nominate a Presidential electoral ticket for Virginia. Under the Virginia plan of organization each magisterial district of a county and each ward of a city is entitled to one delegate.—Staunton Vindicator.

How Men Die.

If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are the better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable it to oppose the tendency toward death. Many however have lost these forces to such an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little aid to the weakened lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Upon the first symptoms of a cough, cold or any trouble of the throat or lungs, give that old and well-known remedy—Boschee's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove what thousands say of it to be, the "benefactor of any home."

Opposed to Organic Union.

TINKLING SPRINGS CHURCH, VA. April 12.—Lexington Presbytery, in session here today, after a lengthy and warm discussion on the subject of organic union, adopted by a vote of 41 to 6 the following overture to the General Assembly, which meets in Baltimore on May 10:

"The Presbytery of Lexington respectfully overtures the General Assembly that the committee of inquiry having accomplished the work for which it was appointed, the assembly discharged the committee, and the matter of organic union with the Northern Church be dropped."

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The premiums were awarded by the following judges, viz:

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JOHN T. AMES

GEORGE S. MAPS.

Results of analysis of Virginian Guano made by State Chemist of

Virginia, and published by Randolph Harrison, Commissioner of Agri-

culture, in his report.

Available Phosphoric Acid..... 8.18

Insoluble " "..... 5.32

Total " "..... 13.50

Ammonia..... 4.35

Potash..... 1.37

Copy of analysis of Ocean Guano made by State Chemist of Virginia,

and published by authority of Randolph Harrison, Commissioner of Agri-

culture, in his report.

Soluble phosphoric Acid..... 2.34

Reverted " "..... 7.74

Available " "..... 10.08

Insoluble " "..... 2.97

Ammonia..... 2.46

Potash..... 1.42

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